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EXHAUST GAS TURBINE FOR INTERNAL COMBUSTION

ENGINE AND EXHAUST TURBO-SUPERCHARGER

## REPLY

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The following is responsive to the Office Action mailed on or about August RECEIVED 15, 2002.

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## IN THE CLAIMS:

(A marked-up version of the amended claims is attached to this Amendment.)

Amend Claims 32, 34, 39, 40 and 44 as follows:

An exhaust turbo-supercharger for an internal 32. (Amended) combustion engine according to claim 30, further comprising a catalyst which includes a catalyst mounting portion in a turbine outlet portion.

An exhaust turbo-supercharger for an internal (Amended) combustion engine according to claim 30, wherein an exhaust bypass flow